Power units exempted from purview of MRTP Act

2237. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether power units have been exempted from the purview of the MRTP Act;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this exemption facility would also be applicable to other sectors;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what are the other major sectors still under the purview of MRTP Act?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Power generation has been exempted under section 22A of the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969 as it is considered to be an activity of high national piority required large investments, high technology and there is a general shortage of power in the country.

(c) to (e) The Central Government has been given powers under section 22A of the MRTP Act to grant exemption from the requirement of obtaining approval in terms of section 21 and 22 of the Act under certain specified circumstances. Apart from "Power generation" which has been recently exempted *vide* Notification No. 625(E) date 8-8-1990, the Central Government had earlier exempted 83 specific categories of industries under section 22A of the MRTP Act, 1969.

Upgrading of Domestic airports in the country

2238. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to upgrade domestic airports in the country;

(b) if so, which are the airports proposed to be upgraded and what is the criteria for their upgradation;

(c) whether any committee in this reagrd was appointed, if so, when and what were its terms of reference and what are the names of its members;

(d) whether any report has since been submitted by the Committee; and

(e) if so, what decision has since been taken thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Upgradation of domestic airports is a continuing process and is taken up, as and when necessary depending upon the requirements projected by regulatory authorities, operating airlines, availability of resources, land, etc.

(c) The Government did not appoint any Committee to go into the question of upgrading domestic airports.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Spread of AIDS

2239. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item entitled "A blot on AIDS surveillance" which appeared in the Times of India" of the 18th July, 1990;

(b) if so, whether Government have noted the spate of AIDS and its spread in India;

(c) whether Government are also aware of the disastrous effects of further spread of AIDS;

(d) whether in view of the difficulties being faced overseas due to this disease a separate desk in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare would be created to monitor and deal with AIDS; and

(e) what steps are being taken to activate the Health Ministeries in the States to deal with AIDS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) The Government has seen the news item.

(b) to (e) To prevent the spread of AIDS in the country, National AIDS Control Programme is being implemented which has three major components viz.. surveillance, Health & Community Education and ensuring safety of blood and blood products

Surveillance

41 surveillance centres have been established in different parts of the country with specific objective of screening persons belonging to high risk groups i.e. prostitutes, Hetero-sexually promiscuous males, S.T.D. Patients, Blood donors, Inmates of remand homes and foreigners.

Health and Community Education

Health Education activities have been intensified to increase awarness among general public, youth and also students of schools and colleges.

Safety of bool and blood products:

Another important measure for the prevention of AIDS in the country is testing of blood donors for HIV infection by all the surveillance centres and 28 zonal blood testing centres. The blood banks will be linked to Zonal Blood testing centres in a phased manner.

To ensure safety of blood products all the 9 units manufacturing blood products have been given appropriate instructions.

Funds for establishment of separate facility for clinical management of AIDS infected persons in 13 Medical Colleges hospitals have been released to the State Government concerned.

There is no proposal to create a seperate desk in Ministry of Heath & Family Welfare. However to strengthen the AIDS Control Programme, a central level AIDS Cell in the Directorate General of Health Services, has been proposed in the Medium term Plan on AIDS Control in India.

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2240. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
कुमारी आलिया :

क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उड़ीसा में 31 दिसम्बर, 1989 तक जिला-वार कितने-कितने ग्रामीण हैल्थ गाइडों को प्रशिक्षित किया गया तथा उनमें से कितनों को तैनात कर दिया गया है ;

(ख) क्या उनकी सेवाओं को नियमित करने के लिए कोई स्थायी संघर्ष बनाये जाने अथवा उन्हें अस्पतालों/प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों में नियुक्त किए जाने के लिए कोई प्रस्ताव है ;

(ग) क्या ऐसे गाइडों को मानदेय का भुगतान न किए जाने के संबंध में कोई शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उन्हें उनकी बकाया धनराशि का भुगतान किए जाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं ?